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CLERK: 26 ayes, no nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted, Senator Kennedy.
Senator Moylan.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is a simple bill. It was really instigated by the Association of Mentally Retarded Children. Mentally retarded children, they use a lot of toys in the education and the rehabilitation of mentally retarded children. That's where the bill originally came from, however, it will cover all toys that are sold. It's reinforcing the federal standards so that the state can have the same prerogative in inspecting any complaints that happen to come in on toys that were, that had the lead paint on them which children might chew on or had contaminated stuffing. It covers manufacturers, distributors and retailers. I move the advancement of 517 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I'd like to ask Senator Moylan a question please.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Yes sir.

SENATOR CLARK: Is this something for the state or the federal government?

SENATOR MOYLAN: This is to bring up the state....

SENATOR CLARK: How many toy manufacturers do we have in the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR MOYLAN: I don't think we have any to speak of.

SENATOR CLARK: Then why would you want to....

SENATOR MOYLAN: But this covers distribution and retail.

SENATOR CLARK: Are they going to inspect all the retailers also?

SENATOR MOYLAN: No. The bill as originally written had that stipulation in it. However, we had complaints to that effect so we amended it to say that if there were any complaints, they would then investigate and take action.

SENATOR CLARK: With the fiscal impact of the bill, the way it looks to me, it looks like you've hired one person to do the whole thing.

SENATOR MOYLAN: There's a mistake in the fiscal impact. It came in on the original bill and has never been taken off. There is no fiscal impact....

SENATOR CLARK: Well, who is going to do the inspecting then?

SENATOR MOYLAN: The Public Health Commission.

SENATOR CLARK: You are going to add this to their duties